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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 DONALD WHEDON,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 CHECKR, INC.,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C19-1024JLR

ORDER OF REFERENCE

15 This action is assigned to the Honorable James L. Robart, United States District  
16 Judge. All future documents filed in this case must bear the cause number  
17 C19-1024JLR-MLP. The court has reviewed the files and records herein and determined  
18 that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described  
19 below.

20 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Rule MJR 3, the court hereby  
21 refers to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson all motions related to motions to amend  
22 or supplement the pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and all motions

1 related to discovery disputes, including but not limited to motions to compel discovery,  
2 motions for a protective order related to discovery, and motions related to issues of  
3 privilege. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). Federal  
4 Rule of Civil Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Michelle L.  
5 Peterson's rulings concerning the above-described motions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a);  
6 Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(b).

7 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Rule MJR 4, the court  
8 also hereby refers to Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson for preparation of a report  
9 and recommendation all motions (1) for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Federal  
10 Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b); (2) for judgment on the pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule  
11 of Civil Procedure 12(c); (3) to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
12 12(b); and (4) for a default judgment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b).  
13 *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR(a)(3). Federal Rule of Civil  
14 Procedure 72(b) governs any further proceedings in this court after Magistrate Judge  
15 Michelle L. Peterson files a report and recommendation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); Local  
16 Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 4(c).

17 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the above-entitled action is referred to  
18 Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson for the specific purposes and types of motions

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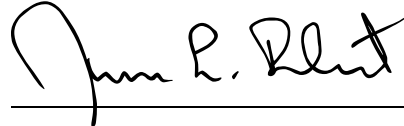
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1 described herein. The court further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge  
2 Michelle L. Peterson to conduct hearings and make further necessary orders consistent  
3 with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this order.

4 Dated this 5th day of December, 2019.

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7 JAMES L. ROBART  
8 United States District Judge  
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